

mercial agencies in all of the European capitals, as well as in a number of the largest cities of the United States. Agencies of this character will also be founded in Macau and Korea.

COLONIAL PREMIERS INVITED TO THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

London, 19th January.—A Captain, despatched by the Daily Mail says that the Premier of that Colony, in common with all other premiers throughout the British Empire, has received an invitation to visit the Queen on the occasion of her diamond jubilee. It is understood that advantage will be taken of this celebration, and that a pan-British conference will be held in London during the jubilee.

In his Presidential address to the Indiana Academy of Science, Mr. A. W. Butler, the entomologist, declared that "at no time in the past will the changes in the aspects of Nature be so noticeable, so incomprehensible, because of their vastness, as have those of the century just closing." While this statement might be true of much of the United States, it was intended to apply to Indiana. The disappearance of the great forests, the extinction of the Indian animals, the changes in agriculture, have been accompanied by corresponding changes among the smaller animals. Especially conspicuous has been the passing of the passenger pigeons, which Indians know no longer, although in the days of Wilson and Audubon the sky was dark with them.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Mesmerie*, from Sydney 28th Jan., and Port Darwin 1st Feb., had moderate winds and fine weather to Port Darwin. From Port Darwin to Cabora Island moderate to fresh winds and fine weather. From Cabora Island strong N.E. monsoon, overcast and misty with heavy seas.

The British steamer *Kangaroo*, from Hawick 12th Feb., Chingking 15th, Weiwung 16th, and Swatow 2nd, experienced moderate to fresh N.E. winds and overcast sky on the river and as far as the Tsinan; thence to Swatow; fresh northerly gale with rainy weather. From Swatow to port light to moderate easterly wind and cloudy weather.

The British steamer *Nemor*, from Foochow 19th Feb., Amoy 20th, and Swatow 22nd, had moderate winds and fine weather to Port Darwin. From Port Darwin to Cabora Island moderate to fresh winds and fine weather. From Cabora Island strong N.E. monsoon, overcast and misty with heavy seas.

The British steamer *Jardine, Matheson & Co.*, General Managers, Hongkong FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD., Hongkong, 20th January, 1897.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1897, at 12.30 P.M. in the clock in the afternoon.

At the meeting, shareholders will receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Committee Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSACTORY BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers, Hongkong FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD., Hongkong, 20th January, 1897.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel on SUNDAY, the 27th February, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1896, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be conveniently brought before the Meeting.

THE TRANSACTORY BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

G. MOONEY,
Secretary, Hongkong, 5th February, 1897.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE CERTIFICATE No. 4216, dated 4th April, 1895, for Eight Shares, Nos. 5018/019 and 1270/1700, in the Company, standing in the name of THE RIGHT REVREDOM DOMANTONIO JOAQUIM DE MEDEIROS, BISHOP OF MACAO, "PRESIDENT" DA COMISSAO ADMINISTRATIVA DE COFRE DOS POSES, has been LOST, and if at the date of issue of the above document it is not forthcoming, another Certificate will be issued by the Company and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

GEORGE L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary, Hongkong, 28th January, 1897.

NOTICE.

CUTLER, PALMER & CO.'S PRICE \$0.00 PER DOZEN NET.

SPECIAL BLEND WHISKY
A Blend of Selected Distillations of the Finest Scotch Whiskies
Apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Hongkong.

CUTLER, PALMER & CO. WINE SHIPPERS SINCE 1815.

We have a considerable number of our wine for sale at very reasonable prices.

ANNE G. ANDERSON,
Miss JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Hongkong.

371 And to their friends in Shanghai:

CARBOLINEUM AVENARIUS.
USED FOR 16 YEARS.

Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus, Rot, and Damppass.

Sole Agents for China, ECHEELE & CO., Hongkong, 26th January, 1897.

MRS. STOCKHAUSEN DRAPES, MILLINERY, DRESSES AND MANTLES, 23, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

LATEST NOVELTIES IN LONDON AND PARIS.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1896.

MR. S. T. K. WANG GAND-TEE, LONDON BANKERS—LONDON & COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOUNDED 1710.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SIEMSEN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 16th May, 1897.

TO LET.

RAVENSHILL, East and West, Lower Richmond Road.

Apply to VICTOR H. DEACON, Hongkong, 9th February, 1897.

TO LET.

"MACOMER," near the L.R.C.

Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Hongkong, 31st October, 1896.

TO LET.

DWELLING HOUSES—HOUSES IN EDINBURGH, GODLOWS IN BLUE BUILDINGS, "HARPOD" AT MAGAZINE GAP, "THE KENNELS" AT MAGAZINE GAP, FLOORS IN BLUE BUILDINGS.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 10th February, 1897.

TO LET.

NO. 4, RICHMOND TERRACE, 4 rooms. Moderate Rental.

No. 1, WILD DELL BUILDINGS, 3 rooms, 3½ month and taxes.

STABLES at KOWLOON, bearing completion.

Apply to HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LIMITED, Hongkong, 17th February, 1897.

TO LET.

"E" RNSFOOT, UPPER RICHMOND ROAD, WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

Apply to VICTOR H. DEACON, Hongkong, 20th January, 1897.

TO LET.

IOLLEWILL, Seymour Road, and WEST-BOURNE VILLA North, Bandon Road.

Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Hongkong, 16th February, 1897.

TO LET.

NO. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

DAVID SASCOON, SONS & CO., Hongkong, 16th December, 1896.

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

Mrs. GILLANDES, GLENLEY BUILDINGS, Hongkong, 9th January, 1896.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board, 2, Peader's Hill, Hongkong, 1st January, 1897.

NOTICE OF FIRM.

THE VICTORIA APOTHECARY.

A LIQUOR composed of Vegetable Ingredients. Prevents Indigestion and stomach.

It may be taken by itself or with Pure or Mineral or Soda Water, and with Coffee or Wine.

SOLE AGENTS—U. NERVIGNA & CO., NO. 28, STANLEY STREET, HONGKONG.

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150 PIANOS FOR HIRING OR MONTHLY PAYMENTS.

PIANOS REPAIRED EQUAL TO NEW—WORK WARRANTED.

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SINGAPORE POPULAN AND CROMONA MODELS \$300—\$550—\$855.

5 & 6 OCT. PIANOS \$175—\$225.

ALL GUARANTEED FOR CLIMATE.

ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE FREE.

D. N. T. I. S. T. R. Y. AT 62, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, CHADWICK KEYE, STATE OF PANTS & NODS, MUSIC, STRINGS, AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897.

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THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

FOR "The Victoria Dispensary."

J. R. CAPEL, Manager.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1897.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM LIVERPOOL, NEWPORT, AND SINGAPORE.
THE Company's Steamship

"NINCHOW"

having arrived from the above ports. Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be sent to the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Wharf, and Godown Co., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all claims must be sent in to the office of the undersigned before NOON on the 25th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be sent to the Godowns, whence they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 25th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON on the day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [476]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SIKA" FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNNEES are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th instant will be subject to rent.

All Goods against the Steamer must be paid for on the Undersigned on or before the 24th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, whence they will be examined on the 24th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [471]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"HYDASPE" FROM BOMBAY AND SABUITS.

Consignees are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on cargo:-

From Persian Gulf, ex s.s. Navari and Goss.

Goods not cleared by the 25th inst., at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1897. [471]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUINSANG" having arrived from the above Ports. Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after NOON of the 24th instant will be landed at Consignee's risk. The cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 25th inst.

Goods undelivered after the 4th inst. will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, whence they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 24th instant.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897. [475]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SABUITS.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on cargo:-

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1897. [475]

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HONGKONG to LONDON \$400.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JAHLINE MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897. [473]

STEAMSHIP "MELBOURNE."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"KAISER-LINDA," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO, AND SAKRATIS.

Consignees of cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure, and Valuables, are being landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on cargo:-

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1897. [477]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIWAN"

Captain Pearce, will be despatched on

TO-DAY, the 24th instant, at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1897. [475]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A.L. British Ship

"TITANIC."

Local Master, will load here for the above port and will have full charge.

For Freight or Passage apply to SIEWAN, TOME & CO.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1897. [473]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNNEES per Company's Steamer

"TITANIC."

are hereby notified that the cargo is being discharged into Craft under landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned, in both cases it will be left in Consignee's risk. The cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 22nd instant.

Goods undelivered after the 22nd instant will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in Godowns, whence they will be examined at 12 noon on the 27th instant.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1897. [481]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX. O.S. S. CO.'S "DARDANUS" FROM LONDON.

SHIPPING Orders will be obtained from the Undersigned not later than the 27th inst. for shipment per steamer "GLAUCOUS".

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1897. [476]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "BRADMAR" FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-HAMA, KOBE, MOJI, AND SHANGHAI.

Having arrived from the above ports. Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Wharf, and Godown Co., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all claims must be sent in to the office of the Undersigned before NOON on the 25th instant, or they will not be recognized.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON on the day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1897. [476]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH, SUAKIN, MASSAWI, HOEDDA, ADEN, KURRA-CHEE, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PRE-NAKH, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"MARIE VALERIE"

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th instant will be subject to rent.

This vessel brings on cargo:-

From Trieste, ex s.s. Imperatrice, transhipped at Bombay.

From Venice, ex s.s. Massimiliano, transhipped at Trieste.

From Persia, ex s.s. Curly, transhipped at Tripoli.

Optional cargo will go to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned before NOON on the 23rd March next, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1897. [471]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"HYDASPE"

FROM BOMBAY AND SABUITS.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on cargo:-

From Persian Gulf, ex s.s. Navari and Goss.

Goods not cleared by the 25th inst., at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1897. [471]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUINSANG"

having arrived from the above Ports. Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after NOON of the 24th instant will be landed at Consignee's risk. The cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 25th inst.

Goods undelivered after the 4th inst. will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, whence they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 24th instant.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1897. [475]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Consignees are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on cargo:-

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